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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: POSSIBLE DEBATE ON
THE KOREAN ITEM IN THE 31ST UNGA

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1. CHARGE CALLED APRIL 28 ON SEYDOU TRAORE, SECRETARY
GENERAL, MFA, AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL TO IMPRESS UPON GOM
US DETERMINATION TO AVOID STERILE DEBATE AND ONE-SIDED
RESOLUTIONS ON KOREAN ISSUE. DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL
DIVISION MAKAN DEMBELE TOOK NOTES. DRAWING ON TALKING
POINTS CONTAINED PARA 4 REFTEL, CHARGE STRESSED IMPOR-
TANCE OF US OF ROK PARTICIPATION IN RESOLUTION OF
KOREAN PROBLEM, CITING, AS AN EXAMPLE, DESIRABILITY OF
A RETURN TO THE SOUTH-NORTH TALKS BEGUN IN 1972.
TRAORE ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONSENSUS BETWEEN NORTH
AND SOUTH IN 1972 AND THE EASE WITH WHICH THE UN,
IN 1973, HAD SUPPORTED THAT CONSENSUS.
BUT THE CONSENSUS HAD EVAPORATED
AND IN THE LAST UNGA SESSION ONE FACED THE ANOMALY
OF TWO CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS. TRAORE SAID,
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HOWEVER, THAT THE TWO CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS HAD

RESULTED IN A LESS EMOTIONAL ATMOSPHERE SINCE BOTH SIDES HAD HAD THEIR SAY. HE ADDED DRYLY THAT IT WAS UP TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN TO RESOLVE THE TWO RESOLUTIONS.

2. TRAORE SAID HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO THE CONSENSUS OF 1972. IT WOULD BE BEST IF THE TWO KOREAS COULD WORK TOGETHER TOWARD PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION. HE SAID HE TOOK NOTE OF THE US POSITION AND ASSURED CHARGE THAT IT WOULD BE REVIEWED WITH COMPLETE OBJECTIVITY.

3. IN LESS FORMAL DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, CHARGE SAID THAT KOREANS HAD A LONG HISTORY OF BRINGING IN OUTSIDERS TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. IT WOULD BE BEST IF BOTH KOREAS WERE BROUGHT TO REALIZE THAT THEY MUST SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS THEMSELVES: THE NORTH KOREAN ATTEMPT TO DENY A ROLE TO THE SOUTH WAS UNREASONABLE.

4. TRAORE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CURRENT SITUATION IN KOREA. IT WAS DIFFICULT, HE SAID, TO REACT TO CHARGES BY "OTHERS" (READ NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY HERE) THAT US HAD REINFORCED ITS TROOP STRENGTH IN KOREA AND HAD MOVED NUCLEAR WEAPONS UP TO DMZ. CHARGE EXPLAINED NATURE OF US COMMITMENT TO ROK, LACK OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, EXCEPT IN NORTH KOREAN PROPOAGANDA, AND ADDED THAT THERE WAS ONGOING PROGRAM TO MODERNIZE ROK ARMED FORCES AND TO TRAIN THEM IN MODERN WEAPONS SYSTEMS. THIS WAS PERFECTLY NORMAL ACTIVITY, CHARGE EXPLAINED, AND SIGNIFIED NOTHING BUT ROK DETERMINATION TO DEFEND AGAINST ATTACK. CHARGE PROMISED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO COUNTER NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA.

5. COMMENT: IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MALI REACTS TO THE ALGIERS AND COLOMBO CONFERENCES ON THE KOREAN ISSUE. THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT VIEWS ON KOREA WITHIN THE GOM--
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THE CONFUSED VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT; THE HARDLINE VIEW OF THE RADICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MFA; AND THE MORE MODERATE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL TRAORE. (THE LATTER TWO ARE CO-EQUAL IN RANK.) UNFORTUNATELY, IF PAST PRACTICE HOLDS, THE MALIAN DELEGATION WILL RECEIVE ONLY VAGUE INSTRUCTIONS AND DECISIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE SPOT WITHOUT REFERRAL TO BAMAKO.

6. CHARGE IS IN TOUCH WITH FRG EMBASSY RE THEIR
DEMARCHE AND WILL ALSO INQUIRE OF FRENCH AS TO THEIR
PLANS TO DO SOMETHING ON KOREA.
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